

## **Great Basin IHC Rotation Guidelines for Out-of-Area Assignments**

### **2015 Procedures/Guidelines**

1. The Out-of-Area Rotation and procedures will be determined per this document, which will be posted on the GBCC web page under the Crews tab.
2. A rotation is used for out-of-area requests/assignments processed through GBCC. This system will take into account that not all crews will be coming available at the same time. Mobilization of Great Basin IHCs will be based on crew availability as per the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations. At the beginning of each fire season, the order of the rotation will be dictated as crews become available nationally and their SIHCO- Appendix C is faxed in to GBCC.
3. Once all the Great Basin IHC's have received an initial out-of-area assignment, the rotation is then determined by the order in which each crew becomes available after an out-of-area assignment, regardless of the date of dispatch or length of assignment.
4. Crews returning from out-of-area assignments will be placed at the bottom of the rotation ensuring that all other crews have an opportunity for an out-of-area dispatch. If multiple IHCs are dispatched out-of-area at the same time and return at the same time; then those IHCs will maintain their rotation order that was in place before the dispatch.
5. Superintendents will notify their respective home/host dispatch center upon their return from assignment as to their expected availability for a new assignment. The home/host dispatch center will notify the crew desk at GBCC, which will then insert the crew into the rotation order based on their actual availability date and time. (As reflected in ROSS)
6. Any IHC committed on an assignment within the GB would maintain their position on the out-of-area rotation list and be available again for out-of-area assignments once released and available for an assignment in accordance with work/rest guidelines.
7. Any IHC committed on an assignment out of the GB through IA/local neighbor agreement would maintain their position on the out-of-area rotation list and be available again for out-of-area assignments once released and available for an assignment in accordance with work/rest guidelines. Any IA/local neighbor dispatch that last for more than 72 hour will be viewed as an out-of-area assignment. The IHC would then rotate to the bottom of the list.
8. Out-of-Area Rotation guidelines will be adhered to whenever possible. However, certain conditions/factors such as: Date/Time needed, large transport aircraft logistics, time constraints (Work-Rest), Agency-Specific requirements, and cost considerations may necessitate deviation from the out-of-area rotation order.
9. Based on current or predicted local, area, or national needs there may be occasions when the GBCC Center Manager/Coordinator-On-Duty (COD)/MAC or the National Coordination Center (NICC)/NMAC chooses not to commit all of the IHCs.